

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

I believe that honesty is the best policy. Lies are just like lost items, which will eventually be found by someone. Thinking back, I have to admit that I have lied before.

Once, I was secretly playing a computer game when in actual fact, I was supposed to do research for a project. My parents suspected that I didn't study but when they questioned me, I denied. Although some lies like this are harmless, I always end up getting punished badly by my parents after the cat is let out of the bag. Now that I have grown older and learnt from my mistakes, I do not lie, since I know that sooner or later, I will have to face the music. Furthermore, if I am honest, the punishment might even be lightened.

There are always situations where a lie might help us wriggle out of a problem. However, in the long run, these lies are exposed and might create even more problems. In any case, the truth will always be exposed in the end. No lie can stay hidden forever.

Surely people will trust those who are honest. No one likes to be cheated. If my best friend were to give me the cold shoulder and lie to me, cheating me, I would feel as though my heart has a large hole in it, filled only with emptiness. It would be disappointing to know that I had been cheated by someone whom I trusted so much. Lies and deception usually results in tears.

Honesty is essential in each and everything we do, in order to create a good impression and ensure the other person that we are trustworthy. Honest and sincere people are usually given more chances and opportunities to prove themselves in their fields. In the case of people who are dishonest, these chances are very hard to come by. Very few are given second chances as the society would feel that they will keep repeating their mistakes.

I feel that greed and selfishness is usually the basic motivation for dishonesty. This is what most thieves, liars and cheats have in common. More often than not, greed has resulted in them getting what they want at the expense of others. However, they are always caught red-handed for their crime. This reminds me of "Crime Watch", where incidents of crime are re-enacted. The culprits of these crimes are usually caught, no matter how well they cover up their tracks. I think it is important that self control is established.

Honesty takes a person a long way in the journey of life. Honesty is definitely the best policy... This I believe.